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REMARKS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the information disclosure statement filed on 01/30/2004 and include a signed and initialed copy thereof in the next Office action.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

In response to the Examiner's further consideration and restriction requirement of inventions, Applicants elect Invention I, Claims 1-40, and withdraw Claim 55 from prosecution. With respect to the restriction requirements of species, Applicants elect Species I directed to Figs. 1A and 2A-2F, on which Claims 1-13 and 26-39 can all read. Applicants concur with the Examiner that Claim 1 is generic to all species, so that all pending claims not already withdrawn will be entitled to consideration if Claim 1 is held allowable.

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CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks, Applicants request consideration and allowance of all elected claims, and if Claim 1 is held allowable, reconsideration and allowance of non-elected Claims 14-25 as well. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

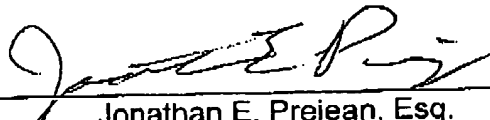
Applicants respectfully request that a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any other required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1055.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 8, 2007

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